

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars.

In the amendment to the specification, claims and drawings, the subject matter of original claim 8 is reinstated into the application by way of new claim 27. Claim 8 was cancelled in the amendment which was filed on April 14, 2008.

The drawings are amended by way of entry of new Figs. 2A and 2B. Support for the subject matter of these drawings is found by way of original claim 8, and in the specification at the following passages.

Page 4, third full paragraph: "The metal coating can additionally be combined with a plastic layer with a surface relief in the form of a diffraction structure embossed therein. This makes it possible to produce an optically variable effect, in particular a colour effect depending on viewing angle."

Page 7, seventh full paragraph: "Fig. 1 shows a schematic view of banknote 10 provided with embedded window security thread 12 and glued transfer element with diffraction structure 18. ... Transfer element 18 is glued to the surface of banknote 10 with hot melt adhesive. ..."

End of page 7: "In the following, the structure and design of an inventive security element will be explained in more detail by the example of security thread 12. Transfer element 18 or other embodiments of the security elements can be designed analogously."

Page 8, first full paragraph: "Fig. 2 shows schematically the layer structure of security thread 12 in cross section. According to Fig. 2, security thread 12 comprises transparent plastic layer 20 to which metallic coating 22, in this embodiment an aluminum layer is applied..."

From these passages and the original language of claim 8, it is clear that there is support for the inclusion of new Figs. 2A and 2B, which depict a transfer element 18 and the embossed diffraction structure which is depicted by reference numeral 19.

Entry of the amendment to the specification, drawings and claims is respectfully requested.

The arguments and prior amendments to the claims are provided in full in the reply dated April 14, 2008.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicant's attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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